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REMARKS

The rejection under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph has been overcome by changing “the processor” to –the processing unit–. In addition, the redundant “the” in claim 1, line 3 from the bottom, has been deleted.

Because the changes are formal in nature, it is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendment is appropriate since the changes clearly do not raise new issues or introduce new matter.

Having thus overcome the rejection and objection made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Should any further minor errors need to be corrected, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time to discuss the corrections without the need for a further Official Action.

Respectfully submitted,
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